



International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)

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## Friends of International Students (FIS)

### Host Program Newsletter

**Winter 2019 - Notes from ISSS; Reminders; Important Dates; Upcoming Local Events; FIS Story Corner**

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#### Notes from ISSS

During winter term, student took classes in a wide variety of academic areas including the arts, humanities, languages, sciences and more. Students also had the opportunity to enjoy some engaging and fun workshops on topics such as bicycle maintenance, swing dance, sushi making and wilderness survival. Other students were off campus pursuing internships. This adventurous time has come to an end, but from what we've heard, our international students thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Spring term has begun but the cold weather continues. During this snowy season students truly appreciate a home-cooked meal or a day trip to a nearby destination with their host family. See our **Upcoming Local Events** section for ideas.

On February 5, the new international students arrived for our Early Arrival Program for February students ("Febs"). This year our students are from Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Haiti, Hong Kong, Hungary, Jamaica, Thailand and the United Kingdom. We are excited to make their acquaintance and introduce them to our campus and the wonderful local community.

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in hosting a student during our upcoming winter matching. If you or anyone you know is interested in hosting a student in the fall, please let us know at [iss@middlebury.edu](mailto:iss@middlebury.edu).



## Reminders

### Host Information Changes

Please keep us posted if you have any address, phone or email changes so we can keep our records up-to-date. Don't miss out on important FIS program information!

### Student Employment Restrictions

With very few exceptions, international students in the U.S. in F-1 student or J-1 Exchange Visitor visa status (which describes most of Middlebury's international students) are not allowed to work off-campus during the academic year. To accept off-campus employment related to their major during vacation periods, international students in F-1 status would need to make a special application (3–4 month application procedure that currently costs \$410). Unfortunately, this means that house sitting, babysitting, pet sitting, etc. for pay are not options for most international students. Internships during the summer are possible, but require advance planning. ISSS offers workshops to inform students of the employment authorization application process. More information can be found on the ISSS website [here](#). Please encourage your student to attend these important sessions. It is helpful for students to attend a session early on so they are aware of the process and the steps involved well in advance of the opportunity they seek.

## Important Dates

### Winter Carnival

Our 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Carnival, the oldest student-run Winter Carnival in the nation, kicks off with fireworks on Thursday evening, February 14 and continues until Sunday, February 17 with a wide variety of activities. As part of the special weekend, students have the day off from classes on Friday, February 15 to participate in Carnival activities. Come join us! <http://www.middlebury.edu/student-life/annual-events/winter-carnival>

### Spring Break

The break will begin after the last class on Friday, March 22 and classes will resume on the morning of Monday, April 1. Some students may go away during spring break, traveling with friends or visiting their families. Others may stay on campus so this may be another great time to make plans with your student.

### Spring Student Symposium

**Friday, April 12, 2019, McCardell Bicentennial Hall and other locations on campus**

The 2019 Spring Student Symposium highlights the academic and creative endeavors of our students through oral presentations, performances, artwork and readings. This is a great opportunity for hosts to support their students and students, in general, and be inspired by the learning and research that's being pursued.

<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/resources/ctrl/students/uro/symposium>



## Upcoming Local Events

### Thursday Night at the Museum

Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.

#### Mahaney Center for the Arts, Museum of Art

This year, in addition to its normal hours, the College museum will be open most Thursday evenings for a variety of events from gallery talks to musical performances. Free refreshments will be available. Please check the website for details each week.

**Free and open to the public; no tickets required**

<http://museum.middlebury.edu/news/nights-at-the-museum>

### Hirshfield International Film Series

Come to the Dana Auditorium on Saturdays at 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. to enjoy fabulous foreign and independent films.

**Free and open to the public; no tickets required**

<http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/fmmc/hirschfield/2018-2019>

### Ragamala Dance Company: *Sacred Earth*

Thursday, February 28 & Friday, March 1, 2019 – 7:30 PM

#### Mahaney Arts Center, Dance Theatre

Dance performance inspired by Indian folk art and literature.

**Open to the public, tickets required**

<http://www.middlebury.edu/arts/performing/archive/2018-2019-season/20190228-ragamala-dance>

### Castalian Quartet

Friday, April 12, 2019 – 7:30 PM

#### Mahaney Arts Center, Robison Hall

String quartet featuring works from Haydn, Britten and Schubert.

**Free and open to the public; no tickets required**

<http://www.middlebury.edu/arts/performing/archive/2018-2019-season/20190412-castalian-quartet>

**Find other exhibitions, performances and events at the College by clicking on the following links:**

- **The College Calendar:** <http://www.middlebury.edu/events>
- **Middlebury College Museum of Art:** <http://museum.middlebury.edu/>
- **Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs:**  
<http://www.middlebury.edu/international/rcga/events>
- **Addison County Chamber of Commerce:**  
<http://www.addisoncounty.com/pages/calendar.asp?content=events>
- **More area events:** <http://www.sevendaysvt.com/>



## FIS Story Corner

Thank you to hosts who have shared these memorable moments with us. Enjoy!  
Send your stories and photos to us anytime at [isss@middlebury.edu](mailto:isss@middlebury.edu)



Sonomi Tsuruta enjoyed a hike up Chipman Hill with host Susan Polk.







Annie Tong '19 and Fatmata Bah '20 enjoyed some pre-ISO Show time with their host Sas Carey.



Sarah Kljajic '20 cooked up a storm with her host, Janet Chill, on Thanksgiving Day.

**We appreciate the ongoing love and support you give to our international students. Thank you.**



**Enjoy the spring term and keep in touch!**

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